

Health Program Has Approval Of Pope Pius

Rev. Francis J. Haas Makes Disclosure At Nurses' Session

Pope Pius XI has specifically approved the principle of health insurance, thus providing Catholics with a guide to their attitude on the subject, the Right Rev. Francis J. Haas, dean of the Catholic School of Social Science, revealed today at the closing session of the three-day symposium on nursing education sponsored by the university school of nursing.

At the same time Surg. Gen. Thomas Parran predicted that both health and hospital insurance will expand and develop in the United States. He also emphasized that the objective of public health is not to "federalize" or "socialize" medicine.

Msgr. Haas told the group the Pope's approval of health insurance is found in the "Eighth Encyclical" of March, 1937, in paragraph 82 of this document, he said, the Pontiff recommends insurance against unemployment, sickness and old age.

"Thus, we, as Catholics," he pointed out, "have something definite to guide us in our consideration of the problem."

Certain to Expand.

Sighting the various efforts toward health insurance, Dr. Parran said that hospital insurance in particular is certain to expand.

"The American people," he declared, "are insurance-minded."

The Surgeon General pointed out there are 40,000,000 persons in the United States unable to provide for the care of their own health and spoke of health insurance in its relation to smaller income groups.

"You can't say that a man with an income of \$2,000 a year is in a position to pay for any illnesses," he asserted.

Among the other objectives of public health, he told the nurses, are financial compensation for sick wage-earners, and the expansion of health facilities, including hospitals, sanatoria and health education, particularly in the rural areas.

Purpose to Socialize Costs.

In insisting that the purpose of public health is not to "federalize" or to "socialize" medicine, Dr. Parran did assert, however, that it proposes "socialize costs."

"There is a difference between the two," he commented.

The surgeon general told the nurses they could perfect their work specifically in the lines of tuberculosis, pneumonia, infant and maternal mortality, syphilis and cancer.

Two or three States, he said, have already recognized cancer as a public health problem.

Other speakers discussed the integration of public health principles in a basic nursing education curriculum.

They included Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earle, educational director of St. Elizabeth's Hospital; Mary J. Durr, regional consultant of the United States Public Health Service; Alice M. Fay, educational director of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society; Miriam Ames, director of public health nursing at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing; and Agnes Gelinas, director of the department of nursing at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The symposium was the contribution of the School of Nursing to the university's celebration of its golden jubilee.

18,000 See Greek Ceremony in Florida

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla., Jan. 7.—An agile high school youth treasured a gold cross today and looked forward to a year of good fortune.

The youth, Stanley "Polly" Polychroni, emerged yesterday from a crowd of 30 divers with the cross in his hand after it had been tossed into Spring Bayou as a climax to this Greek sponge colony's celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.

To the retriever went the blessing of the Greek Orthodox church and, sponge fishermen believe, good luck throughout 1939.

An estimated 18,000 persons looked on as the colorful ceremony was repeated. The cross was tossed overboard by Bishop Athanasios of Boston, representing the Greek church in the Americas.

Members of the sponsoring crew were in the boat and heard the bishop couple a blessing of the waters from which they earn a living with a plea for world peace.

Five Named by Jury Face Court Monday

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 7.—Five colored persons will be arraigned here in the Corporation Court Monday following indictments returned against them yesterday by the grand jury.

Lowell Poindester of Alexandria was indicted in the death of Reginald Casey, also colored, on December 21.

A joint indictment was returned against Joe Henry Griggs, Harold Coleman and Willie Sherman in the burglary of a store in the 1000 block of Cronoco street on December 2.

Cornelius Langley was indicted on charges of felonious assault on Raymond Lucas, also colored, on December 31.

Train Kills 2 At Scene of 6 Deaths in 2 Years

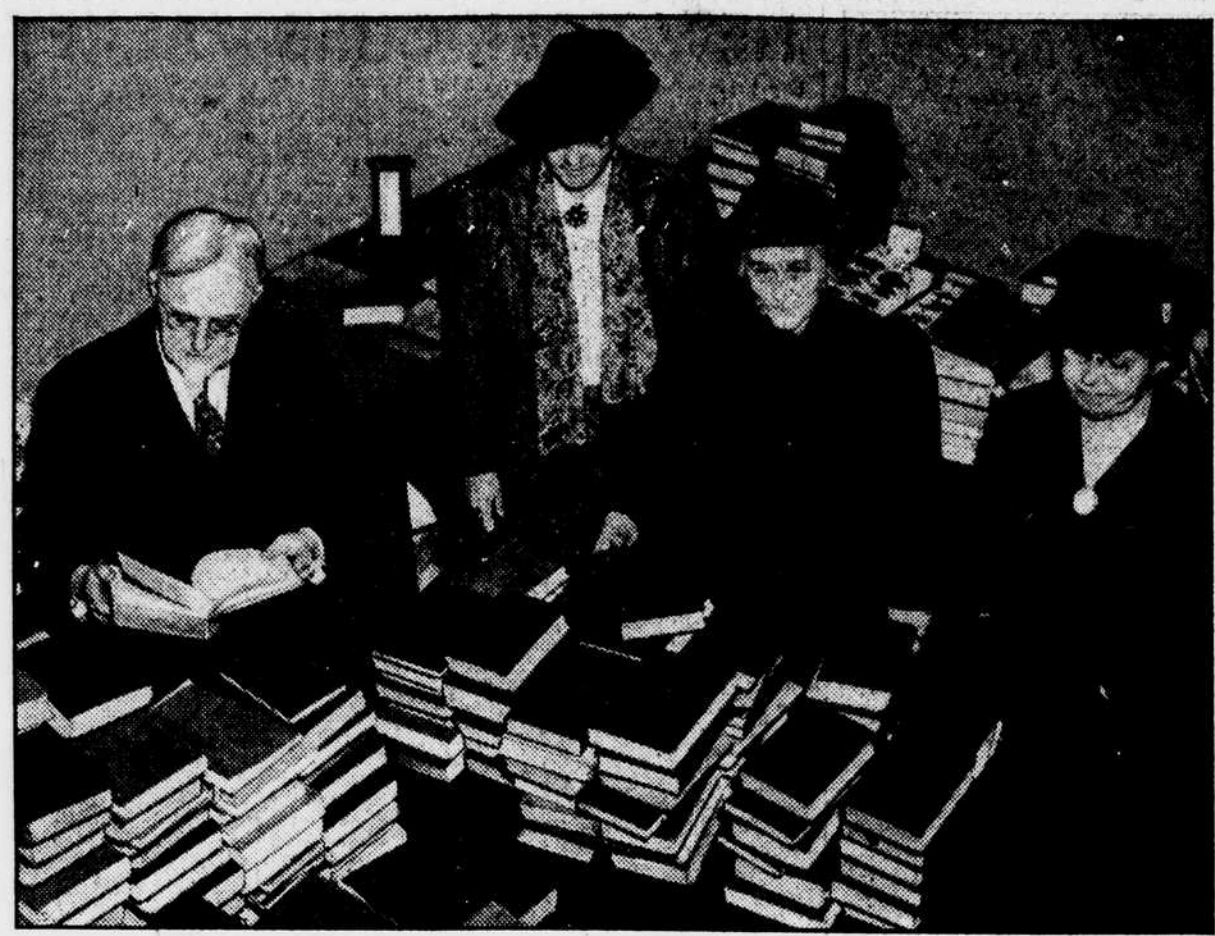
By the Associated Press.

GOLDSBORO, Md., Jan. 7.—A crash-scattered railroad crossing that has been the scene of six fatal accidents in two years claimed two more victims today—Sam Newton Smith of Hillsboro, Md., and 16-year-old Elizabeth Bittle of Ridgely.

The car in which they were riding was struck by the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Bullet" at the crossing, south of the Goldsboro station, last night.

Conductor D. A. Henry of Easton said the train, which goes from Wilmington to Easton, was moving about 18 miles an hour.

Mr. Smith, about 45, is a poultry dealer. Both he and Miss Bittle were dead when taken from the wreckage of the sedan.



CROWDED LIBRARY—Members of the 20th Century Club inspect crowded conditions at the Public Library. Left to right: Dr. George F. Bowerman, superintendent of the library; Miss Katherine Smith, Mrs. William Maxon and Mrs. W. W. Husband. —Star Staff Photo.

Maryland Drops Roosevelt Name In Ball Promotion

Baltimore Newspaper Says Other States Are Adopting Practice

The name of President Roosevelt, who for five years has dedicated his birthday, January 30, to balls for the benefit of infantile paralysis sufferers, has been dropped from these events in Maryland this year, the Baltimore Sun reported today.

Except for mention in the announcements that the dances will take place on the President's birthday, his name will not be used in promoting the benefit affairs, the paper said.

In previous years, the dances in Maryland, as in other States, were called "the President's birthday balls."

State Committee elsewhere are "veering away from the Roosevelt connection," it was indicated, the Sun said.

George E. Allen, former District Commissioner, vice president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., said he had heard nothing of the Maryland plan to drop the President's name from announcements, nor had he been advised of such action in any other States.

However, it's up to each State committee to conduct the balls any way it desires," Mr. Allen added.

"The purpose, of course, is to raise funds to combat infantile paralysis and relieve those suffering from it, and any way this can be accomplished is acceptable to the foundation."

He pointed out that the name of the national organization sponsoring these annual events remains the President's Birthday Ball for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., and said no change in this title was contemplated.

According to the Baltimore account, the change was announced by Senator Radcliffe, Democrat, of Maryland, following a meeting of the State committee.

The announcement said the committee insisted that "politics was to have no place in ball arrangements."

There will be no change here in the designation of the President's birthday ball.

Maryland's Relief Budget \$2,416,985 for 3 Months

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 7.—Maryland will spend \$2,416,985 for relief in the next three months and communities throughout the State were faced today with the problem of providing \$914,576 as their share.

At a corner's inquest held yesterday by Dr. Llewellyn Powell, Alexandria, Va., police said the driver of the car, which was struck as she crossed the Centerville-Manassas road near Bull Run, Va., Fairfax police said the child was visiting her grandparents at the time of the accident.

The child, police said, ran in front of the car to meet her grandmother, Mrs. Luther Griffith, as the latter crossed the road to a mail box. She died in a Manassas physician's office.

Meanwhile, Alexandria, Va., police announced they had determined the identity of a man killed on the Mount Vernon Highway Thursday night. He is Leslie A. Hilker, 39, of Raleigh, N. C., a Works Progress Administration worker at Fort Belvoir, Va., they said.

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Hearing Listed Today in Traffic Death of Child



BARBARA ANN SOURS.

A hearing before substitute Trial Judge Robert J. McCandlish, Jr., at Fairfax, Va., was scheduled today in the automobile death yesterday of 2-year-old Barbara Ann Sours, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton O. Sours, of 150 Eleventh street S.E.

No charges were placed against Arthur L. White, 32, of Lynchburg, Va., said by police to have been the driver of the car. The girl was struck as she crossed the Centerville-Manassas road near Bull Run, Va., Fairfax police said the child was visiting her grandparents at the time of the accident.

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Early Consideration For District Vote Bills Promised

Judiciary Committee Chairman Must Wait On Organization

Early consideration of the two resolutions introduced in the House this week to grant the privilege of voting to the disfranchised residents of the District was dropped today by Chairman Hatton Sumners of the House Judiciary Committee.

Both resolutions were referred to Mr. Sumners' committee, which last year held extended public hearings on identical measures.

One of the resolutions, sponsored by Representative Mary T. Norton, Democrat, of New Jersey, would provide national representation for the people of the District—the right to vote for President and Vice President and to elect their own representatives in the House and Senate.

The other, introduced by Representative Jennings Randolph, Democrat, of West Virginia, would provide both national representation and "home rule."

Representative Sumners said he is deeply interested in the suffrage legislation, but pointed out no action could be taken on either resolution until his committee is organized for the present Congress. Vacancies on the committee are expected to be filled next week.

Liquor Dealers Warned To Pay License Fees

Liquor dealers were warned by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board today that, unless they pay their license fees before January 15, they probably will not receive their license renewal before the expiration date of the present permit.

Disclosing that only 200 of the more than 1,800 dealers have paid their fees, Mrs. Agnes K. Mason, member of the A. B. C. Board, urged licensees to act quickly. She warned that those who delay might have to close their establishments until their new licenses can be issued.

"To those who pay their fees after January 15 we can only promise that we'll do our best to send them the licenses on time," Mrs. Mason said.

The board said police precincts will be furnished a list of dealers who have not obtained their new licenses by the deadline at midnight January 31.

Merit System Spread Forecast by Ramspeck

Extension of the merit system throughout the entire Federal service will be authorized by Congress this session, Chairman Ramspeck of the House Civil Service Committee predicted today in announcing that he will call his committee together next week after the committee lists are completed.

He anticipates prompt action on his bill, which is already introduced, he said. The measure expands policy-forming positions and is otherwise similar to the civil service provisions in the President's reorganization bill, except that it does not contemplate abolition of the Civil Service Commission and substitution of a one-man authority.

It is in the interests of the Government itself that the civil service should be extended, Mr. Ramspeck declared. He said he sees no occasion for extensive hearings, since the subject has already been thoroughly discussed before his committee in the last session.

Services To Be Resumed

ROCKVILLE, Md., Jan. 7 (Special).—The weekly union services of the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Rockville, temporarily discontinued several weeks ago, will be resumed tomorrow night in the Baptist Church.

The Rev. Herbert O. Cooper, pastor of the Baptist Church, will preach and preside.

Band Concert

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, this evening at 5:30 o'clock in Stanley Hall. John S. M. Zimmermann, bandmaster; Anton Pointner, assistant.

Program.

March, "Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Overture, "Dramatique".....Snoek

(a) "An Apache Dance" (Latin, Offenbach)

(b) "Asiatic" (Arabian Intermezzo).....Mildenberg

Excerpts from musical comedy, "Eileen".....Victor Herbert

Popular numbers:

"Things Look Brighter Again".....Coots

"There's a New Moon Over My Shoulder".....Fain

Waltz suite, "Forget-Me-Not".....Waldteufel

Finale, "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty".....John Philip Sousa

"The Star Spangled Banner."

Nichols to Fight Removal of Meters

Would Extend Trial Period of Parking Devices Another Year

Representative Jack Nichols, Democrat, of Oklahoma, who sponsored the movement for installation of automobile parking meters in Washington, announced today he would oppose vigorously any attempt to remove the meters at the close of the experimental period, June 30.

Mr. Nichols believes the experimental period is far too short, and that the meters should be given at least another year's trial before any definite conclusion is reached as to their success.

Would Test Out Others.

Mr. Nichols also was critical of those responsible for installation of only one type of parking meter during the experimental period. He pointed out that only the automatic type was installed in Washington in accordance with specifications drawn up by the Bureau of Standards.

"Both the automatic type and the manually operated type should be given a trial," he declared. "Personally I believe the manually operated type will outlast the automatic type."

Collins Protests.

Several weeks ago Chairman Ross Collins of the House subcommittee on District appropriations indicated he would oppose use of the meters beyond the original experimental period. He said he had received numerous complaints that the meters were unsightly and served only to carry out the "toll bridge" idea on the public streets.

The Commissioners and Traffic Director William A. Van Duser, however, insist that the meters have been a success. In addition to producing revenue for the District, it was explained, the meters have virtually eliminated the so-called "parking hog" in the business section in which they are in operation.

Colored Man, 52, Given Term as Pickpocket

Jeff Carter, colored, 52, who told the court he did some shining of shoes and some dipping into other people's pockets, was sentenced yesterday by Justice Jesse C. Adkins in District Court from 3 to 10 years as a professional pickpocket.

Assistant United States Attorney Allen K. Krouse told the court that Carter had a long record of law breaking, including many pickpocket offenses.

For biting a colored woman's ear off Isaac Simpson, colored, 38, was given a sentence of from two to five years by Justice Adkins. The complainant was Alice Fletcher, and Simpson was indicted for mayhem. The policeman who investigated the case said Simpson must have bitten the woman's ear off, as he couldn't find it, and the jurist suggested that possibly the prisoner had swallowed it.

Sidney J. Johnson, colored, 34, was given a sentence of from two to five years for robbing a Christmas eve in an effort to get money from a shopkeeper, was given two to four years by Justice Adkins.

Nation-Wide Grocers Elect R. M. Hardy

The District Unit of Nation-Wide Service Grocers, Inc., 1103-09 Eleventh street S.E., held its first general meeting of the year at the Hamilton Hotel Wednesday.

R. M. Hardy was elected president; Harry N. Sher, vice president; Samuel R. Rosenblum, treasurer, and Albert S. Tucker, secretary. Members of the board of directors were elected.

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